

SOVIET UNION

(INTERNAL POPULARITY CAMPAIGN)

1. The present government is continuing its efforts to appear more liberal and popular than the Stalin regime.
  - a. It previously has declared an amnesty for prisoners and made large price cuts.
  - b. It now has placed wheat flour on open sale, for the first time practically since the end of the war.

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State Department review completed



2. Russian public opinion has been stirred by this campaign.
  - a. Our embassy in Moscow reports rumors are circulating that there will be no state loan drive this year, and that the work-day will be cut from 8 to 7 hours.

